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TAGS: PFOR, GW, IT
SUBJECT: FRG PRESIDENT HEINEMANN' S VISIT TO ITALY
AND THE VATICAN

SUMMARY: FONOFF SOURCES TELL US THE MARCH 21-23 STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT HEINEMANN TO ITALY AND HIS CONNECTED MARCH 26 VISIT TO THE VATICAN OCCURRED IN A VERY FRIENDLY AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. NEITHER HEINEMANN' S TALKS WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE POPE, NOR FONMIN SCHEEL' S TOURS D' HORIZON WITH MEDICI AND CASSAROLI BROKE MUCH NEW GROUND, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES. THE ITALIANS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND BOTH SIDES AGREED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS OF ITALIAN FOREIGN WORKERS IN GERMANY. THE VATICAN REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT APPOINT ADMINISTRATORS FOR PORTIONS OF FRG DIOCESES SITUATED IN GDR TERRITORY UNTIL AFTER RATIFICATION OF INNER- GERMAN BASIC RELATIONS TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPT DIRECTOR MUNZ WHO ACCOMPANIED HEINEMANN AND SCHEEL, SAID HEINEMANN' S VISIT WAS ESENTIALLY A CEREMONIAL AFFAIR AND THE FRG WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE VISITS BOTH TO THE QUIRINALE AND TO THE VATICAN. ON THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SIDE, THE GERMAN PRESIDENT MET WITH PRESIDENT LEONE, PREMIER ANDREOTTI, FONMIN MEDICI AND THE MAYOR OF ROME. SCHEEL HAD A ROUTINE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH MEDICI; MUNZ SAID NOTHING NEW EMERGED ON THE PAL/ SECAM MATTER. BONN WAS ALSO PLEASED THAT NO INCIDENTS DEVELOPED DURING HEINEMANN' S WREATHLAYING TO ITALIANS SHOT BY THE MAZIS IN WORLD WAR II.

2. DURING A PLENARY SESSION, HEINEMANN AND SCHEEL EXPRESSED THEIR THANKS FOR PRIOR ITALIAN SUPPORT AND GIVE A TOUR D' HORIZON CONCERNING FUTURE GERMAN EASTERN POLICY. THE ITALIANS ASKED WHETHER BONN ATTRIBUTED MOSCOW' S CURRENT COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TO CONCERNS OVER CHINA OR TO INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURES AND THE NEED FOR MORE CONSUMER GOODS; SCHEEL SAID HE THOUGHT THE LATTER FACTOR WAS MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANT AND INDICATED THAT CSCE WOULD PROVIDE A

GOOD TEST OF JUST HOW GENUINE THE SOVIET READINESS TO COOPERATE ACTUALLY IS. SCHEEL ALSO STRESSED THAT CSCE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO ANTICIPATE A WORLD WAR II PEACE SETTLEMENT AND URGED THAT THE ALLIES HOLD TOGETHER IN INSISTING UPON SOME CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THE FREER MOVEMENT AND CONTACTS ARE MADE. BOTH SIDES STRESSED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN ALLIED SOLIDARITY DURING THE MBFR ENTERPRISE.

3. MEDICI THEN RAISED THE PLANNED VISITS BY CEAUSESCU TO ROME (IN MAY) AND TO BONN (IN JUNE). MEDICI SAID RUMANIA' S " OCCASIONALLY RECKLESS INSISTENCE ON THE CONCEPT OF ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY" WAS QUITE DANGEROUS AND COULD LEAD IN TIME TO A BREAK WITH THE WARSAW PACT. IN HIS VIEW, THE WEST SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE THIS ATTITUDE BY BUCHAREST BUT SHOULD RATHER SEEK TO HELP RUMANIA IN THE ECONOMIC AREA; (MEDICI MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE PREFERENCE ISSUE). MEDICI HAD A QUITE DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED. IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE MAIN DIFFICULTY WAS NOT FOREIGN

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POLICY BUT THE OMINPRESENT INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEM.
MEDICI AGAIN SAID VAGUELY THAT EUROPEANS SHOULD DO WHAT
THEY COULD TO HELP OUT YUGOSLAVIA IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

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4. LEONE THEN REFERRED TO THE "EXPLOSIVE" SITUATION
IN THE MIDEAST. LEONE SAID HE SUSPECTED THAT IF
ANOTHER MILITARY CONFLICT OCCURRED IN THE FORSEEABLE
FUTURE, ISRAEL WOULD WIN EASILY OVER THE ARABS,
BUT THIS WOULD NOT SOLVE ISRAELI PROBLEMS BUT ONLY LEAD
TO A "VIETNAMIZATION OF THE MIDEAST CONFLICT". THE
ISRAELIS WOULD THEN HAVE TO DEAL WITH GUERRILLAS,
"ARAB UNDERGROUND AND SABOTAGE". FOR THIS REASON
THE ITALIANS ARE SEEKING TO USE ALL OF THEIR
DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE IN THE ARAB WORLD AND
ISRAEL TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. SCHEEL REPLIED BY
REFERRING TO HIS UPCOMING MAY VISIT TO EGYPT, LEBANON
AND JORDAN AND TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S VISIT -- THE
GERMAN PRESS IS SPEAKING OF A JUNE DATE -- TO ISRAEL.
SCHEEL SAID BONN WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD BUT HAD
RATHER LIMITED DIRECT MEANS IN THE MIDEAST.

5. SCHEEL CLOSED THE PLENARY BY STRESSING THE VITAL
IMPORTANCE OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE US/ WEST EUROPEAN
RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "ESSENTIAL
TO OUR EXISTENCE". SCHEEL AGAIN SPOKE UP FOR A
"PERMANENT DIALOGUE" IN WHICH THE HARMONIZATION OF
US/ EUROPEAN INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC
FIELD, COULD BE ADVANCED. THE ITALIANS AGREED AND

VOICED THE HOPE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD BE MORE READY TO JOIN IN SUCH A DIALOGUE ONCE THE NEW MESSMER GOVERNMENT WAS INSTALLED.

6. HEINEMANN AND SCHEEL ALSO MET WITH STATE SECRETARIES OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN AND LABOR MINISTRIES AND THE HEAD OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN WORKERS UNION TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF ITALIAN FOREIGN WORKERS IN GERMANY. THE ITALIANS STRESSED THE NEED FOR BETTER SCHOOLING, HOUSING, MOBILITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE EC, AND THE NEED FOR YOUNG ITALIANS LIVING IN GERMANY TO PRESERVE THEIR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE THROUGH THE SCHOOLS THEY ATTEND. THE ITALIAN TRADE UNION REP STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT " GERMAN CAPITAL SHOULD GO TO THE FOREIGN WORKERS", AS IN THE MEZZOGIORNO, RATHER THAN HAVING MORE ITALIAN WORKERS GO TO GERMANY. HEINEMANN PROMISED TO TRANSMIT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT, SAID HE THOUGHT MANY PROBLEMS COULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOLVED IF MORE ITALIAN WORKERS WOULD ARRANGE THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN GERMANY THROUGH THE VERONA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE AND NOTED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ELABORATING A TOTAL CONCEPT CONCERNING THE FOREIGN WORKER PROBLEM. COMMENT: MANY GERMAN OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE ECONOMIC, FOREIGN, SOCIAL, INTERNAL, AND SECURITY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PRESENCE OF SOME TWO MILLION FOREIGN WORKERS AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION FAMILY MEMBERS IN GERMANY IS A SOURCE OF GROWING CONCERN WITHIN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. SOME OF OUR SOURCES FEAR THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF CHILDREN OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN GERMAN SCHOOLS AND THE POSSIBILITY AT SOME POINT OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS WHILE GERMANS MIGHT LOSE JOBS THROUGH A RECESSION COULD STIMULATE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF XENOPHOBIA IN GERMANY. SOME SOURCES SEE THE

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PROBLEM OF FUTURE ANTI- AMERICANISM IN THE CONTEXT
OF A BROADER ANTI- FOREIGN CLIMATE WHICH MIGHT
DEVELOP UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
WHILE SUCH A CLIMATE DOES NOT EXIST AT THE
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PRESENT TIME, OUR SOURCES TELL US THE BRANDT
GOVERNMENT IS SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED TO HAVE CHARGED
ITS VARIOUS MINISTRIES TO UNDERTAKE PRIORITY STUDIES

OF HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE FOREIGN WORKER PROBLEM.
END COMMENT.

7. MUNZ SAID HEINEMANN DESCRIBED HIS VISIT WITH THE POPE AS HAVING OCCURRED IN A VERY RELAXED, FRIENDLY "ALMOST BROTHERLY" ATMOSPHERE. THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON ECUMENICAL PROBLEMS, YOUTH, AND THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS. THE POPE TOLD HEINEMANN THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS OPPOSED TO THE FRG PROPOSAL TO LIBERALIZE ABORTION LAWS' BUT THE POPE'S REPRESENTATION ON THIS TOPIC WAS MADE IN A BUSINESSLIKE WAY.

8. SCHEEL' L TALK WITH CASSAROLI DEALT WITH A VARIETY OF WORLD PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THE MIDEAST, AND ALSO ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF CATHOLIC DIOCESES IN GERMANY. MUNZ SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE REPORT OF THIS MEETING AND WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP THIS MATTER WITH ANOTHER SOURCE. BUT MUNZ SAID SCHEEL HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE VATICAN HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT, UNTIL AFTER RATIFICATION OF THE BASIC RELATIONS TREATY, APPOINT ADMINISTRATORS FOR THOSE PARTS OF DIOCESES SITUATED IN THE FRG WHICH HAVE PORTIONS IN GDR TERRITORY.
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